

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:
MN120056-AC

VIOLATOR:
Sharon Thompson

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: June 4, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.126(b) Access and inspection of records and property. (b) The use of a room, table, or other facilities necessary for the proper examination of the records and inspection of the property or animals shall be extended to APHIS officials by the dealer, exhibitor, intermediate handler or carrier, and a responsible adult shall be made available to accompany APHIS officials during the inspection process.

You failed to have a responsible adult available to accompany APHIS during an inspection. At approximately 3:30PM, on the above date, APHIS attempted to conduct an inspection of your facility. No inspection was conducted due to not being able to contact any responsible adult to accompany the inspector.

Date of Violation: June 5, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 2.126(b) Access and inspection of records and property. (b) The use of a room, table, or other facilities necessary for the proper examination of the records and inspection of the property or animals shall be extended to APHIS officials by the dealer, exhibitor, intermediate handler or carrier, and a responsible adult shall be made available to accompany APHIS officials during the inspection process.

You failed to have a responsible adult available to accompany APHIS during an inspection. At approximately 9:00AM, on the above date, APHIS attempted to conduct an inspection of your facility. No inspection was conducted due to not being able to contact any responsible adult to accompany the inspector.

Date of Violation: July 2, 2012

9 C.F.R. § 3.1(c)(3) Housing facilities, general.

(c) Surfaces—(3) Cleaning. Hard surfaces with which the dogs or cats come in contact must be spot-cleaned daily and sanitized in accordance with § 3.11(b) of this subpart to prevent accumulation of excreta and reduce disease hazards. Floors made of dirt, absorbent bedding, sand, gravel, grass, or other similar material must be raked or spot-cleaned with sufficient frequency to ensure all animals the freedom to avoid contact with excreta. Contaminated material must be replaced whenever this raking and spot-cleaning is not sufficient to prevent or eliminate odors, insects, pests, or vermin infestation. All other surfaces of housing facilities must be cleaned and sanitized when necessary to satisfy generally accepted husbandry standards and practices. Sanitization may be done using any of the methods provided in § 3.11(b)(3) for primary enclosures.

You failed to spot-clean hard surfaces with which the dogs come in contact on a daily basis. Nor did you clean and sanitize all other surfaces of the facility when necessary to satisfy generally accepted husbandry standards and practices. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed an accumulation of organic material (i.e. hair, dust, and urine) on surfaces throughout the facility.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.6(a)(1) Primary enclosures.

Primary enclosures for dogs and cats must meet the following minimum requirements:

(a) General requirements.

(1) Primary enclosures must be designed and constructed of suitable materials so that they are structurally sound. The primary enclosures must be kept in good repair.

You failed to keep primary enclosures in good repair. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed a primary enclosure where the wire flooring had come loose from the wood frame and was buckling. APHIS also observed another primary enclosure that had a large hole in the flooring.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.6(a)(2)(i) Primary enclosures.

Primary enclosures for dogs and cats must meet the following minimum requirements:

(a) General requirements.

(2) Primary enclosures must be constructed and maintained so that they:

(i) Have no sharp points or edges that could injure the dogs and cats;

You failed to provide primary enclosures with no sharp points or edges. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed a hole in the flooring of a primary enclosure where the broken wire ends protruded into the enclosure. APHIS also observed several other primary enclosures with metal wires protruding into the enclosures.

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9 C.F.R. § 3.11(c) Cleaning, sanitization, housekeeping, and pest control

(c) Housekeeping for premises. Premises where housing facilities are located, including buildings and surrounding grounds, must be kept clean and in good repair to protect the animals from injury, to facilitate the husbandry practices required in this subpart, and to reduce or eliminate breeding and living areas for rodents and other pests and vermin. Premises must be kept free of accumulations of trash, junk, waste products, and discarded matter. Weeds, grasses, and bushes must be controlled so as to facilitate cleaning of the premises and pest control, and to protect the health and well-being of the animals.

You failed to keep the premises free of accumulations of trash, junk, waste products and discarded matter. During an inspection conducted on the above date, APHIS observed accumulations of trash, spilled dog food, plastic buckets, cleaning supplies, waste products, and discarded materials in the kennel building.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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